

fleet was comprised of 3 cruisers, 13 World War I vintage destroyers, 29 submarines and a small number of gunboats and patrol aircraft. Following the declaration of war against Imperial Japan, the outnumbered and outgunned Asiatic Fleet courageously fought against a vastly superior Japanese armada comprised of 10 carries, 28 cruisers, 113 destroyers, and 63 submarines.

The fleet participated in the first surface U.S. naval engagement of World War II. Fighting with little aircover, the brave men and women of the fleet fought against all odds, but in the end they suffered staggering losses. The fleet lost 22 ships, 1826 killed, and 518 POWs.

The U.S.S. *Trinity* was one of the few surviving ships.

From September 1 to September 4, the surviving U.S.S. *Trinity* crew and their families will hold a reunion in Chicagoland. Although I will not be able to join them, I wish them all the best as they gather together to fellowship, renew their friendships, and cherish the thoughts of their fallen comrades.

Protecting freedom and democracy has a price, and many of the brave Americans in the Asiatic Fleet paid the ultimate price. As Americans, we are truly blessed to have had so many extraordinary men and women serve in our armed forces. Their Sacrifices enables us to live in the world we live in today.

So let us not forget their deeds. Let us not forget their blood, sweat, and tears. Let us remember the sacrifices they made, so that we may live in freedom instead of tyranny.

I submit that the many untold stories of the Asiatic Fleet and the U.S.S. *Trinity* are all profiles of courage.

Mr. Speaker, I salute them all today.

SALUTE TO JUDIE SEDELL, DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, Judie Sedell of Simi Valley, California, says she just loves chasing criminals. She's good at it, too, which is one of the reasons this mother of two grown children recently was honored by the Ventura County Probation Agency as its Deputy Probation Officer of the Year.

Now in her 21st year as a probation officer, Judie not only is an exceptional probation officer, she is an exceptional person. Not only does she have the respect of her colleagues in the criminal justice system, she also has gained the admiration of her clients, even when they fail to stay on the right side of the law. In fact, Judie handles some of the highest-risk offenders, including rapists and armed robbers, and makes more arrests than any other officer in her unit.

Her success is due to hard work, a wonderful sense of humor and her ability to treat her clients with a combination of firmness, empathy, respect and dignity. She recently was observed joking with a convicted felon who had violated his probation. She gave him a candy

bar, and, a short while later, told him he was under arrest. When she handcuffed him, he reacted calmly because he knew Judie was only doing her job because he had failed to do his.

Judie's supervisor describes her as a consummate team player, a role model for novice officers and a source of amazement for veterans who cannot figure out how she maintains her enthusiasm. A former social worker, Judie says she finds great satisfaction in protecting her community while helping felons to lead productive lives after being imprisoned. "It doesn't happen very often, but when you see someone's life turn around, it's an extremely rewarding experience," Judie recently told her local newspaper.

I am proud to say that Judie Sedell not only is an outstanding constituent, she and her husband Mike, Simi Valley's city manager, are also my friends. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing her many more years of continued success.

MARV VALENTINE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives and my constituents in the 4th Congressional District to the distinguished career of a man I am proud to represent in Congress, Mr. Marv Valentine of Clare, Michigan.

Mr. Valentine is retiring after having dedicated 30 years of his life to Camp Rotary in Clare, and serving on the Lake Huron Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Through dedication, perseverance, and selflessness, Mr. Valentine and his wife, Justine, have built Camp Rotary into one of the finest scouting establishments in the Nation.

Scouting troops from the Midwest, and those from as far away as West Virginia, have experienced the wonder of Michigan's natural beauty at Camp Rotary. Located on 1,100 acres off Old Highway 27 in Clare, the camp is nestled in a woods of whispering white pines, next to a sparkling lake where deer and wild turkeys roam.

Besides serving as a home for scouts, Camp Rotary has also hosted football and band camps. Years ago, Mr. Valentine initiated an outdoor educational program for public and private schools.

Over three decades, more than 60,000 young people have learned new skills and made lifelong friends at Camp Rotary under Mr. Valentine's guiding hand and watchful eye.

On behalf of the campers and my constituents, I would like to thank him for his dedication to shaping so many lives and giving these young people priceless memories of their carefree days as a child at camp.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUE AND ED SMITH

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 5, 1999

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, in 1972 Sue Weinreb and her three children Kara, Dana and David, and Edmund Smith and his three children, Corrie, Peter and Eddie moved to thirteen acres in Sonoma County, California to begin a life together. She was 29, he was 37. Together they had little money, no electricity, no running water, no house, and six kids between the ages of three and nine. Three boys and three girls. The original Brady Bunch. That summer they began the first of many do-it-yourself projects—building a home which would eventually take eight years to complete. Meanwhile, during that first year together, the 8 of them lived in a 24' trailer, a tent, and a Datsun, and took baths once a week at the neighbor's house down the road. Two years later, on June 29, 1974, they left the kids with a babysitter and snuck off to a rare weekend alone to get married. They planted eight redwood seedlings in the yard, to honor the new family.

In 1976 Sue and Ed started an environmental consulting business which they ran out of the barn. Over the next 12 years they grew the business into a full service analytical testing laboratory which employed 50 people in an 11,000 sq. ft. building in Santa Rosa. Other ventures followed. Meanwhile, they somehow managed to attend every one of their children's swimming meets, awards ceremonies, dance concerts, football games, and school plays. They made Halloween costumes and birthday crowns, helped with science fair projects, and joined in the wooden spoon duels in the kitchen. They volunteered when the community, built a playground, and they were involved in local politics. Because of their busy schedules, they made sure the family ate dinner together every night. And, they made sure to pass on their special interests to their children: sewing, woodworking, fishing, photography, science, art and travel.

Later, after the youngest had left home and they'd sold their business, they traveled to Africa, Australia, and Europe. No lazing around fancy hotels for them. Pictures show them kayaking with orca whales, riding donkeys, carving wooden masks, scuba diving, feeding giraffes and monkeys, and rock climbing.

This summer, Sue and Ed Smith will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with friends and family under those same eight redwood trees, which now tower over the house they built. Those 25 years haven't always been easy. There were especially terrible times—a separation, the death of Peter at age 28. But, there were especially joyous times—the births of their grandchildren Nick Smith Shafer and Scott Anderson Shafer (with their oldest son recently announcing that a third is on the way).

Sue and Ed's marriage is a testament to what can be created when a couple has a shared vision and a commitment to do whatever needs to be done to do the job right. They have always provided support for each